

29. (Original) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein the mesostructured thin film is formed by hydrolyzing a silicon alkoxide.

30. (Original) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein the mesostructured thin film is formed by hydrolysis reaction in the presence of a surfactant.

31. (Original) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein the mesostructured thin film has a hollow structure.

32. (Original) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein the polymer compound is subjected to rubbing treatment before the formation of the mesostructured thin film.

33. (Original) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 32, wherein the rubbing treatment is conducted in a direction perpendicular to mesochannels of the mesostructured thin film to be formed.

34. (Original) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein the number of a sequence of adjacent methylene groups in the repeating unit of the polymer compound ranges from 2 to 20.

35. (Original) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein the sequence of adjacent methylene groups in the repeating unit of the polymer compound is contained in the main chain of the polymer compound.

36. (Original) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein the sequence of adjacent methylene groups in the repeating unit of the polymer compound is contained in the side chain of the polymer compound.

37. (Previously Added) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein the polymer compound has a functional group different from the methylene groups in the repeating unit.

38. (Previously Added) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein the polymer compound is a polyamide.

Claim 39 (Cancelled)

40. (Previously added) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein a surfactant is contained in the pore structure.

41. (Previously Amended) A mesostructure having mesopores comprising:

a polymer compound surface containing a sequence of two or more adjacent methylene groups in a molecular structure of the repeating unit of the polymer compound; and

uniaxially oriented rod-shaped mesopores arranged on the polymer compound surface, wherein the surface of the polymer compound is uniaxially oriented.

Claims 42 and 43 (Cancelled)

c) REMARKS

The claims are 23, 24, 27-38, 40 and 41. Each of these claims was allowed in the outstanding Official Action of June 4, 2003.

Former claims 1-22, 42 and 43 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 25, 26 and 39 have been previously cancelled.

Accordingly, since the only claims remaining in the application are those which have been allowed, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that the case be passed to issue.

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